



Ash Wednesday

February 21st is Ash Wednesday which begins our season of Lent (the time before Easter). We will have a special service that will be appropriate for friends of all ages and we hope that you can attend. Worship will be located in the Morris Parlor and will begin at 6:00 p.m. Child Care will be provided for the little ones.

Pictorial Directory Update

We are just a few days away from submitting our preliminary layout to Olan Mills. Winter has slowed down taking photos of our shut-ins. When those are complete, we'll be ready to go. We're still expecting the directories sometime in March.

We do need to make sure that all of you who had photos taken at Calvary Baptist have turned in the slip they gave you. We have no other way to know who did this. If you haven't already, please turn them in quickly.

If you have some extra time, we could sure use some folks to take shut-in photos. We'll supply the camera. Contact Ken Watson in the office (449-7265).

Big Movie – Even Bigger Story!

Our Mid-Month Movie for February is something quite unusual: a Hollywood-like production which does a creditable job with a powerful Biblical story. AARP Magazine notes, "Lavishly produced, beautifully photographed, well-acted by a good cast, this retelling of the Old Testament story of Esther is an avowed throwback to the spectacular biblical epics of the 1950s. The great palace halls, the swarming crowd scenes, the stripped-to-the-waist hunks and the tightly toga'ed beauties are direct descendants of the likes of Ben-Hur, El Cid, and The Ten Commandments."

"One Night With the King" chronicles the life of the young Jewish girl, Hadassah, who goes on to become the Biblical Esther, the Queen of Persia, and saves the Jewish nation from annihilation at the hands of its arch enemy while winning the heart of the fiercely handsome King Xerxes.

I want to encourage everyone to see this movie. Its stay in the major theaters last year was very brief. But, it is a film that will leave you with a smile on your face and the feeling that you have seen Esther's story in one of its best incarnations. Powerful performances by stellar actors such as Omar Sharif, Peter O'Toole, Luke Goss, and John Rhys-Davies stand alongside a wonderful performance by a newcomer, Tiffany Dupont as Esther.

Join us in the Cinema on 3rd floor at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16. We've got a comfortable seat waiting for you as well as hot popcorn, cold water, and a warm welcome. Child care is provided.

Sunday Services

Our two readings of scripture for February 18, Exodus 34:29-35 and 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, lead us to reflect on the power of personality and the effect which our lives have on one another, and will serve as the basis for Dr. Yonker's sermon.

Special music will include the Chancel Choir's anthem at 10:30, "Create in Me a Clean Heart."



Invite a Neighbor to Church

Weekly Report

February 11, 2007

Received \$9,248.67

Received to Date \$294,884.45

Attendance - 288

(includes early worship -61)

From the Frontier to the Future



**First
Christian
Church**

(Disciples of Christ)
Columbia, Missouri

1832 175th Anniversary 2007

From Ken's Desk...

Wow! The first David Rogers Memorial Lecture was held yesterday (Feb. 11) and it was a stunning success. From Mary Rogers Gordon's introduction of the Lectureship and the speaker, through Bob Priddy's outstanding and entertaining presentation, until the last cookie was eaten at the reception organized by Joyce Stanley, it was certainly a day to remember. The impact was made even more exciting by having nearly 300 people from all over the state attend.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, this congregation really understands the importance of our history and how that history prepares us for the challenges of today. I've seen it recently in the excellent turnout for the "History of First Christian Church" mini-course I have been teaching. I've seen it in the pride with which members encourage visitors to tour our Historical Room. In many and varied ways this congregation takes pride in its roots and works to preserve and hand on what has been given to us by the hard work of so many saints.

But even more importantly, I think, is the attitude so many in this congregation have expressed about that history: we have been given this gift of buildings and people so that we can continue to be a witness to God's love in this community and around the world. I have never seen any tendency in this congregation to rest on it laurels or to become obsessed with what we've always done. We seem to be a people that consistently ask the question, "Where is God calling us today?" That's an attitude that will be critical in the days ahead as decisions are made and new opportunities explored.

I may be retiring and taking my leave for a while, but you can be sure I won't miss the days ahead for anything. These could be the most exciting days ever!

Happy Birthday

Mark Mills-Feb. 18

Sue Fink-Feb. 19

Thelma Brooker-Feb. 20

Polly Nichols-Winch-Feb. 20

Reesy Tetley-Feb. 20

Martha Niday-Feb. 20

Dallas Reed-Feb. 21

Jim Campbell-Feb. 23

Jacki Davidson-Feb. 23

Brooke Storm-Feb. 23

Scott Foster-Feb. 24

Joy French- Feb. 24



We thank all those who sent cards and notes to us and offered prayers on the death of David's mother. Being part of a church family is a great comfort. Special thanks to the Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl.
The Read Family

A NOTE OF



We want to express our heart-felt thanks and sincere appreciation for your love and sympathy at the death of Sarah's mother, Dorothy Randle. Your prayers, cards and every expression of concern during her illness and since her death have reminded us how fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful church family and will continue to strengthen and comfort us in the days to come. God bless you.

Sarah, John, Dave and Liz,
and Tom Yonker

Thank You!

We want to thank our wonderful church family for all of the prayers, calls and cards sent to Bill during his stay in the hospital and especially for the visits by John and Ken.

We appreciated the beautiful shawl made by Mary Tompson from the shawl group and Nelson Tricky's visit with Lorene's delicious frozen peaches; also our many thanks for the church flowers! Our love and thanks again.

Bill and Ellyn Brothers



Thank You

My sincere thank you to everyone for your prayers, phone calls, cards and food. They helped so much in the recovery from my surgery. Also, thank you to Dr. Yonker and Mary Bancroft for being with Marjorie during my surgery. And, a thank you to the shawl ministry and Millie Bolman for the beautiful prayer shawl.

Jim Carter

News of the congregation

We extend our sympathy to **Sarah Yonker** on the death of her mother, **Dorothy Randle**, who died at her Ft. Worth, Texas home on Wednesday evening, February 7. Grave side services were held in her hometown, Taylor, Texas, on February 9, and a memorial service was held at University Christian Church in Ft. Worth on Saturday morning, February 10. She was 84 years old. In addition to her husband, **Mark Randle**, of their home, Sarah and John, Dave and Liz and Tom, Mrs. Randle is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Kirk and Susan Randle, and grandchildren, Natalie, Kyle, Graham and his wife, Crystal Randle and great grandson, Cade, all of Ft. Worth - Dallas.

Our sympathy is extended to **Susan Ballard** on the death of her mother, **Elgene Hall** who passed away on Feb. 7th. Services were held at First Baptist Church in Columbia on Monday.

Our sympathy is also extended to **Robert Dierking** and his family on the death of his brother, **Richard Dierking**, who died Feb. 5th in Boonville. A memorial visitation was held Feb. 7th at Parker Funeral Service.

Roy Rogers was in a state Home Builders Association delegation of three who presented an award to State Senator Chuck Graham. A photo was in Sen. Graham's newsletter to his constituency recently.

Sara Klockow was named to the Culver-Stockton College honor roll. Qualifying students for the honor roll must have achieved a grade-point average of 3.2 to 3.499 for 12 or more credit hours.

The special Souper Bowl Sunday offering for the Central Missouri Food Bank raised \$548.26. Since July, 2007 FCC has donated \$2,336.26 in cash to the food bank plus hundreds of pounds of food! If \$1.00 feeds 7 people that means your generosity has provided over 16,353 meals.

College Thanks

Special thanks to **Edith Taylor, Judy Cunningham, Nancy Watson** and **Amy LaHue** for providing our college students with Back Room goodies this semester! We look forward to our chat time over good munchies each week.



175th Anniversary News

- Genle Rogers

Memorial Lecture Series

Bob Priddy, journalist, author and Disciple, gave the first David B. Rogers Memorial Lecture in the sanctuary of First Christian Church on Sunday, February 11, 2007 as part of the 175th anniversary celebration. Mr. Priddy was a member of the Christian Student Congregation of First Christian Church during his years as a journalism student at MU, and many of his CSC friends traveled to Columbia to hear his lecture. His speech was titled "In the Footsteps of Alexander," and he discussed the role of religion in the settling of the American frontier. Mr. Priddy entertained us with stories of many colorful preachers who traveled along the frontier spreading the gospel. He traced the origins and early history of First Christian Church and other Disciples churches in mid-Missouri. Mr. Priddy challenged our church to continue to be a strong witness for Jesus Christ and his work in the world. Approximately three hundred people attended Mr. Priddy's lecture and the reception which followed in Fellowship Hall. The audience was enthusiastic and the afternoon provided a good time and was an upbeat atmosphere for those present.



Adult Sunday School Class Concerning Church History

GOOD NEWS: Ken has agreed to extend the Sunday School classes on our church and its history for another two weeks. There are so many interesting stories that most of us have not heard. This past week was spent learning about the church following the Civil War. The role of the Minister was defined and for the first time John W. Mountjoy was called to preach with a salary of \$1,000.00 per year. During the late 1800's the Union Sunday Schools, which had been independent and often had preceded the existence of the churches, were drawn under the auspices of a denomination. In the 1860's we saw the beginning of missionary work throughout the world. The debate over the support of the missionaries continued until the split in the Christian Church in the 1940's. The church and the Temperance Movement were explored as well as the exciting seven years of ministry by Walter Haushalter where Ken will pick up on Sunday. Join us for these last two weeks of a remarkable series of the history of First Christian Church. No one can tell these stories like Ken!

Anniversary Quilt

The 175th anniversary quilt is turning into a VERY popular endeavor. Ninety families have signed up to date and taken squares. There is room for many more so everyone is encouraged to be involved. Several creative and wonderful squares have been returned already finished! There are still many questions and the quilt committee will be in the Narthex this last week giving out squares and answering inquiries. The first group sewing session will be **Saturday, February 17, 2007 at 10:00**. There will be expert sewers and quilters available to help anyone that wants to do a square or you can come to pick up your fabric square to work on.

Thank You

Following the Lecture on Sunday, a reception was held in Fellowship Hall to allow Bob Priddy to greet old friends and meet new ones. Many thanks to the two people who organized the reception: Joyce Stanley and Sarah Storm. Their helpers were Linda and Bob Hutton, Nancy Watson and Bragg Stanley. Mary Richardson, Sally Robinson, Sarah Storm, Linda Hutton and Joyce Stanley made the delicious variety of cookies. Thanks for all the hard work and putting on a very successful reception!

Formation of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, 1874

The voices of the women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) were first heard on October 21, 1874 when they announced the organizing of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions. The next day they were officially recognized at the General Convention meeting in Cincinnati. They were off and running with their plans to "go into all the world, teaching all nations." Caroline Neville Pearre had laid the groundwork by corresponding with women in several parts of the country and encouraging them to come and be a part of this meeting. Mrs. Pearre became known as the "Mother" of women's work in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Within a few years, most local congregations had Women's Missionary Societies. Their programs educated women about their need for spreading the Gospel to the world. Ladies' Aid Societies were formed to focus on local missions. To raise money for their mission work, they had Bazaars and served church dinners. In local churches, Women's Work became Councils, then Christian Women's Fellowship. In addition to the emphasis on missions, the women had an increasing interest in promoting unity among all church women.

Several prominent Disciple women have been part of the Columbia community and First Christian Church. *Caroline Neville Pearre* taught at Christian College (now Columbia College) before her marriage and spent some of her last years with a stepdaughter in Columbia. *Mrs. James (Mossie) Wyker* lived in Columbia and attended First Christian Church while her husband taught at the Bible College (later Missouri School of Religion). *Lucille (Mrs. O. Ivan) Cole* moved to Columbia and joined First Christian Church with her husband in 1979. She served as the president of the International C.W.F. from 1961-1965 and was active in our local C.W.F. until her death in 1998.

Lucille Cole continues to influence the work of the church through the use of Memorial funds she left to the church. This money is divided between CWF, the music program and youth activities to supplement their budgets.

Moray Loring

David B. Rogers Memorial Lecture Series - with Bob Priddy, speaker



The Rogers Family with Bob Priddy



Bob Priddy with guests and church members



Genie and Jim Rogers greeting guests



Reception following the lecture



JYF = (grades 3 - 5)

Chi Rho = (grades 6-8)

CYF = (grades 9-12)

www.firstchristian.org/youth

Huge Partner thanks to **Pam Hunsaker** to provided lunch for us on Sunday! The tacos hit the spot!!

All three youth groups will not be meeting this Sunday, February 18th because I will be going out of town with our college ministry. We will all meet again at our normal times on Sunday, February 25th.

For the Junior High Sunday School

This next Sunday we will start preparing for the season of Lent by beginning to read through the Gospel of Mark. Over the next 8 weeks, we will complete this Gospel. Joining us every Sunday would be a great Lenten discipline and a great way to learn more about the Easter message! We hope you will join us!

**We are Counting on You to
Make a Difference**



**American
Red Cross**

**First Christian Church Blood Drive
Sunday, March 4
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

PET in the News

On KOMU-TV (8) evening 6 o'clock news Monday is the third episode of "Sarah's Story" of newscaster Sarah Hill taking 40 PET mobiles to Vietnam. What a mission! This locally homemade marvel for people who are landmine victims is an amazing story of Christian miracles. As a First Christian Church person, you are part of it!



In 2003, *The Kite Runner* was selected an American Library Association Notable Book. Join FCC Ladies' Book Club at 7pm on Monday, Feb 26 to discuss this novel of two little Afghan boys whose lives are changed forever with the arrival of the Taliban. We will meet at Linda Hutton's home, 2252 Country Lane. PLEASE NOTE: beginning in March, the Book Club is going to move meeting times to an afternoon meeting. Our March selection is the American classic, *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. Questions? Call Linda at 442-5423 or email at lhutton50@hotmail.com.



**It's Coming! It's Coming!
Annual Youth Garage Sale!!!
March 31 – April 1**

Start sorting, and searching! Look through those drawers, closets and storage bins! Why keep two when one will do? Box up all those valuable unused treasures for the Annual Youth Garage Sale – scheduled for March 31 and April 1.

Donations may be brought to the church March 24–28.

Volunteers will be needed – check your calendars!

Contact Joyce Stanley 445-5058 or

jbstanley@msn.com

Let's get ready for another great year of
Mission Trips
for our kids!

Lunch and Learn

"To Move or Not to Move – Housing Choice for Seniors" is the topic for the first Lunch and Learn Program for church members 55 and older. Don Ginsburg and Nancy Thomas will present our program. We will have W.G. Grinders cater our meal. Cost will be \$6.00 per person. Come join as we begin a new group in our church on Tuesday, February 27th at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Membership Committee



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No Small Miracles, is a collection of heartwarming, humorous, hope-filled stories from a Pediatric Chaplain. The nature of his work has plunged this man into the moments that define people's lives—from the tiny preemie to the ailing grandmother. And in these definitive moments he has met and wrestled with such questions as, "Has God been testing us?", "What do we do—or say?" And perhaps the biggest question, which no one can answer, "WHY?"

Listen in (READ!) as this humble, spiritual advisor recounts a lifetime of stories—of unexpected faith, unanticipated hope, and unbelievable courage—each one a miracle in its own right.

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Sunday's Schedule-Feb. 18, 2007

Van Driver: Carol Roder *Telephone:* Joni Cupp

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Louis Janssen, Vickie and Paul Rovrig

Elder for 8:30 Service: Bettie Koelling

Communion Preparation:

Dan Tevis, Deidre Wipke Tevis, Kyle Boger

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family

Nursery Volunteer: Tammy Arnett

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Dane Pavlovich

10:30 Elders: Barbara Rothenberger, Anne Campbell

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters:

Mary and Cliff Tompson, *North Door*

Cora Riley, *South Door*

Ushers: The Hunsaker Team

Banner Bearers: Matthew Hoepfner and Megan Potthast

Candlelighters: Jeff and Zach Ruffolo

Flower Ministry:

arranged: Barbara Rothenberger

delivered: Pat Rainey, Pamela and Rich Hoepfner

Evangelism Calls: Harsh Brown

This Week (Feb. 18-24)

Sun. - Help Session for Anniversary Quilt, after 10:30 service, Morris Parlor (bring a sack lunch if you wish)

Mon. - Drennan Singers, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary



Tue. - Older Adult Ministry Planning Team, 9:30 a.m., Keystone Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., First Baptist Church
1112 E. Broadway
- Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Mary Tompson's
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

Fri. - Parker-Scott Group, 1:30 p.m., Lenoir Community Ctr.